

SENATE BILL 203

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 3, Part 20 and Title 4, Chapter 7, relative
to enforcement of federal immigration laws.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 20, is amended by
adding the following language as a new section:

Section 4-3-2015.

(a) The commissioner of safety is authorized to negotiate the terms of a
memorandum of understanding between the state of Tennessee and the United States
department of justice or the federal department of homeland security concerning the
enforcement of federal immigration laws in the state of Tennessee.

(b) Any such memorandum of understanding shall be signed on behalf of the
state of Tennessee by the governor and the commissioner of safety or as otherwise
required by the appropriate federal agency.

(c) The commissioner of safety may designate that appropriate officers of the
Tennessee highway patrol be trained pursuant to any such memorandum of
understanding.

(d) Funding for such training shall be borne by the department of safety or as
otherwise provided pursuant to federal funding sources.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following language as a new section:

Section 4-7-121.

A highway patrol officer certified as trained in accordance with a memorandum of
understanding between the state of Tennessee and the United States department of

justice or the federal department of homeland security pursuant to §4-3-2015 is authorized to enforce federal immigration laws while performing within the scope of such highway patrol officer's authorized duties.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.